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Kenji Sanda

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For: REEL FOR METALLIC WIRE

Examiner: J. Q. Nguyen

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 2, 2005 and the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species covered by "1" (of Figs. 1-3, 5B, 6A), with traverse. The claims readable thereon are claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18.

It is submitted that all claims should be examined in this application since a search for a discontinuous portion to absorb a winding pressure should uncover slits both parallel and perpendicular to the axis of the winding drum.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

Reconsideration of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

An action on the merits of all claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 19036/39693 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: June 13, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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